

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed January 5, 2005. Claims 143-198 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1-2, 4, 6-10, 13-19, 20-24, 26-31, 33, 35-36, 38, 45-47, and 57-142 remain pending in the case. Further consideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

While Applicants have accepted the allowable subject matter, please note that Applicants intend to file a continuation of the instant application to further claim subject matter that Applicants believe patentably distinguishes over the cited prior art.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submits the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-48000/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Form PTOL-85B (Issue Fee Payment)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Respectfully submitted,



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